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residence occurs.**YES, THEY ARE REPUBLICANS.**

All who understand the political situation in the South know, and those who are candid admit, that ever since the reorganization of the democratic party after the war there has been in it a strong element that was not only not democratic but was opposed to some of the fundamental principles of democracy. This element is the remnant of the old whig party, which during reconstruction days united with the democrats to fight the carpet-baggers and scalawags who were plundering the Southern states and heaping all manner of insults on the Southern people. We democrats welcomed these allies and gave them the lion's share of the honors and emoluments incident to the series of campaigns that finally resulted in victory.

Since the leaders of the vandal hordes were driven back whence they came or sunk into the oblivion from which they emerged this undemocratic element, realizing that it was in a hopeless minority in the South, has made the bugaboo of negro domination, of which there was no danger, the excuse for remaining in the democratic party. Not content with a fair division of the offices, it has sought to change the policy of the party so as to make it no more democratic except in name, but, on the contrary, a promoter of principles and policies to which true democrats have always been opposed.

The republican party is the natural heir of the deceased whig party, therefore the proper place for this class of so-called democrats is in the ranks of the only national antagonist of democracy. No candid man who is familiar with recent political history can deny that leaders of this faction who have been elected to represent constituencies that were at least nominally democratic, have in important crises given their influence and their votes to the republicans. It is also true that the republicans recognize them as friends and allies. On this point the following extract from a leading editorial in the ablest and most influential republican organ in the Southwest, the San Antonio Republic, is sufficient evidence:

"For years the republican party has stood firmly for a tariff on raw material. Through this doctrine it has held the great agricultural and stock raising states of the country in line, except in the South, and even in the South many men have been turning toward republicanism because of that theory. The democrats, practically ev-

erywhere except in Texas, have held for 'free raw material.' Through the efforts of Senator Bailey, George Burgess and others, the democratic party in Texas has attempted to appropriate the republican doctrine that protection should extend to raw material, and by so doing they have held the stockmen of Texas in the democratic party, although the effort has been attended with some hazards and with frequent manifestations of discontent."

That which is morally wrong can never, under any circumstances, be right. Every true democrat believes that every man has a natural and inalienable right to sell the products of his labor and buy what he needs wherever he can do so to the best advantage to himself, and that any interference with this right by government is tyranny. Every excuse for voting for measures involving the principle of protectionism, in the last analysis, resolves itself into the frank apology of Senator Tillman of South Carolina: "While the stealing is going on I want my share of it for my state."

The Eagle is not questioning the sincerity of these men, but it does charge them with duplicity in continuing to occupy a false position. They ought to go where they belong. If they would do so, every true democrat would not only experience a feeling of relief (for the most dangerous foes are those of one's own household) but would respect them more highly.

A CHANGE OF HEART? NO.

Under the head, "A Change of Heart," Editor-Major Mose Harris of the San Antonio Republic pays his respects to the editor of this paper, as follows:

"The Republic has observed with much amusement and some disquietude the embarrassing predicament of its venerable democratic friend, Mr. J. M. Carnes, the editor of The Bryan Eagle. He is a democrat of the strict, old-fashioned sort, one of the kind who does not even believe that the moon shines now with the same sweetness and brilliancy that it did 'befo' de wah, suh.' Early in the campaign he came out enthusiastically for Woodrow Wilson. Week after week he fought for his candidate, telling of his Southern birth, praising his Southern accent, and explaining as best he could why Wilson has taken back since he became a candidate everything that he had previously said and taught during the last quarter of a century. The task has been difficult and embarrassing, but Mr. Carnes, through the columns of The Eagle, has mopped his brow and stood by his guns.

"But the best of soldiers grow tired of fighting, sometimes, and friend Carnes has not only grown tired, but he is now in open rebellion. To quote his own words, he 'has dropped Wilson like a hot potato.' The fact that Wilson confesses that he applied to the Carnegie trustees for a pension, is the cause of the break. That the great tribune of the common people—the foe of monopoly and the enemy of privilege—has asked aims of the world's most successful monopolist, was too much for friend Carnes, and he has changed colors, while the battle was on, in full view of the enemy."

The editor of The Eagle has experienced no "change of heart" nor is conscious of any embarrassment or inconsistency. He has simply been true to democratic principles, especially in this case to the time-honored democratic slogan: "Principles, not men." If Governor Wilson had frankly confessed his error in applying for a Car-

negie pension, as he did his other youthful errors and indiscretions, The Eagle would have forgiven him. The Eagle has not "changed colors while the battle was on," or at any other time; it has simply refused to fight under a leader after discovery that he is unworthy.

The Texas cities that have accomplished most in street paving, Dallas and Fort Worth, have adopted the policy of sharing the cost between the municipality and the abutting property holders. In Dallas the city pays a third and the property owners on either side a third each. In Fort Worth the property owners pay all but the paving of the intersections, which is done by the city. It can not be denied that this plan is just, because the property owners get the lion's share of the benefit.

The commerce commissions of three states have protested against the confirmation of Judge Hook as the successor of Justice Harlan on the supreme bench, because he rendered a decision that a two-cent passenger rate fixed by the Oklahoma railroad commission was confiscatory. William J. Bryan predicted that Taft would appoint that kind of a man.

The third term question will continue to bob up occasionally in American politics until it is finally settled by a constitutional amendment, limiting a president's time of service to two terms, or better still, lengthening the term to six or eight years and making the incumbent ineligible for re-election and subject to the recall.

The arrival at New York of 4000 tons of spuds imported from Scotland illustrates one cause of the high cost of living. Heretofore this country has exported Irish potatoes in generous quantities.

In an "informal" talk to the Zionists at Austin Sunday, Governor Colquitt predicted the return of the Jews to Jerusalem. The governor should be careful. The ancient Jews stoned false prophets.

These be the times when kinging and emperoring are about as risky as aviating. There is a rapid fire of noises made by the people demolishing thrones and throwing crowns on the junk piles.

The developments in connection with that "peace" dinner seem to prove that the war between Taft and Roosevelt is the real thing—not make-believe, as many have suspected.

Now it is claimed that the wife of the Amartillo banker who ran off with another man is insane. It is remarkable that so many high flyers who get caught have bats in their garrets.

The opal is the only gem that has never been successfully counterfeited. Is this the reason why the opal is considered unlucky?

The candidates for governor can each boast of a dutiful son, devoted to his father's interests. This is one thing everybody can commend.

Now refurbish and place on exhibition all the old mother-in-law jokes. A Mobile policeman was killed by his wife's mother.

Now watch Temple put on airs. A woman of that town has secured a license to practice law.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMASAnd May the New Year Bring You
MUCH PROSPERITY**The First National Bank**

Of Bryan

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$200,000

**FARMERS ARE OPPOSED
TO ROAD BOND ISSUE**Fear the Money Will All Be Spent in
and Near Bryan.

To the Editor of The Bryan Eagle:

I notice in the columns of The Bryan Daily Eagle of last Friday a piece signed by Judge A. G. Board, discussing the proposed good roads bond issue. Being heartily in favor of the issue myself, but fearing it will be defeated on the 8th day of February, next, I could not help writing a few lines myself, as I am in a position to hear this question discussed quite a great deal these wet, cold days at the store, around the stove, when the farmers can't work and the roads are too bad to travel, even on horseback, six hundred yards off-hand.

Nearly every person I hear of with, that is against the issue, is afraid all the money will be expended at Bryan or near Bryan, and that the roads in the rural districts will not be touched.

I believe if the commissioners' court would give an outline of how this \$200,000 is to be expended and show the people in the rural districts that they will get all that is coming to them, they will then vote for the issue without a word. To be plain, a great many are dubious and I fear if their minds are not made clear they will vote against the issue, and we will still have the same old mudholes to contend with that we have now.

Let every voter think well before he votes, for if we miss this chance of bettering our roads it may be many years before we have another. You well know if we sit down and do nothing the roads will not improve themselves; they will only get worse.

Judge, come up and make us a talk on good roads, if you can get here through the mud. I will notify everybody if you will set the date.

T. W. BEARD,
Edge, Texas, Jan. 1, 1912.**A Child's Estimate.**

A few nights ago an Orange man, wearied from the day's toil, complained slightly on account of the impatience of one of his children, and remarked: "Dearie, do you suppose that you will ever repay your father for taking care of you?" The innocent child looked wistfully into the face of its father and replied: "Well, papa, you can have my nickel now if you want it." The father decided that there was a lesson in the child's reply to his complaint, although it had un-

consciously placed a very small estimate on the compensation due in the long drawn-out transaction.—Orange Leader.

The largest turkey raised in Texas this year weighed forty-seven pounds and was shipped to Boston.

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TO OUR FRIENDS who have favored us with their patronage during the year of 1911 we wish to extend our sincere thanks and assure them of our appreciation of their business.

The year of 1911 has been a very prosperous one to us, and we confidently, though not boastfully, believe it was due to the fact that our efforts to serve the people with the very best of everything has met with success.

We will therefore live up to our motto: "Appreciation, Quality and Square Dealing with all."

To our friends and customers we extend the compliments of the season, and solicit a continuance of your much appreciated business.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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